

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 865

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Pam Thomas, on her selection as Primary School Teacher of the Year for the Sevier County School System.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Pam Thomas is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thomas has recently been selected Teacher of the Year by Pigeon Forge Primary School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Pam Thomas received her bachelor's degree in early childhood education and her master's degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; she additionally has an education specialist degree in supervision and instruction from Lincoln Memorial University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thomas has served with acumen and alacrity as a teacher for thirty-two exemplary years, most recently as a kindergarten English Language Acquisition Program (ELAP) teacher at Pigeon Forge Primary School, where she is highly regarded as an educator; and

WHEREAS, Pam Thomas is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; she counts watching her students and their families grow and become more successful in school and the community as her greatest teaching reward; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thomas truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Pam Thomas truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Pam Thomas on being chosen as Teacher of the Year for the Sevier County School System, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.